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SUBJ: CIVAIR: US-UK NEGOTIATIONS-NAL CONTINGENCY PLANS

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1. REBOURS INFORMS US DGAC HAS TURNED DOWN NATIONAL REQUEST
DIVERT LONDON FLIGHTS TO PARIS IN EVENT SUSPENSION
US-UK AIR SERVICE. ACCORDINGLY, BROCK LEAVES FOR AMSTER-
DAM JUNE 21 AM TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF DIVERTING
NATIONAL'S LONDON TRAFFIC TO AMSTERDAM.

2. BROCK AND REBOURS WERE RECEIVED AFTERNOON JUNE 20 AT
DGAC BY THIEBLEMONT, ESPEROU'S DEPUTY, AND LEQUERTIER,
WHO IS HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SECTION. MEETING
WAS CORDIAL AND THIEBLEMONT INDICATED HE WAS IN FAVOR
OF AT LEAST PERMITTING NATIONAL'S LONDON FLIGHTS DEPARTING
MIAMI JUNE 21 AND 22 TO DIVERT TO PARIS IF NEEDED.
HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT "HIGHER
AUTHORITY" AND WOULD REPORT BACK TO NATIONAL BEFORE THE
END OF THE DAY.

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3. WHEN HE PHONED BACK THIEBLEMONT SAID HE HAD BEEN
OVERRULED BY "HIGHER AUTHORITY", WHICH WE TAKE TO MEAN
ESPEROU. IN JUSTIFYING THE TURNDOWN THIEBLEMONT NOTED
THAT NATIONAL HAD NOT FILED REQUEST WITH DGAC THIRTY
DAYS IN ADVANCE, AND IF DGAC WAIVED THIS REQUIREMENT,
HE SAID, IN THE PRESENT DELICATE SITUATION, THE BRITISH
WOULD FIND OUT AND/CONSIDER IT A SLAP IN THE

FACE ADMINISTERED BY THE GOF.

4. THIEBLEMONT ADDED THAT NATIONAL'S AUTHORIZATION FOR MIAMI-PARIS SERVICE HAD BEEN FORTHCOMING DESPITE MANY DIFFICULTIES, AND DGAC HAD MADE A CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO STUDY NATIONAL'S DOSSIER "WHILE FORGETTING CONCORDE". NATIONAL HAD RECEIVED WHAT IT HAS ASKED FOR--MIAMI-PARIS--AND SHOULDN'T ASK FOR MUCH MORE.

5.A FOOTNOTE TO NATIONAL'S PLIGHT IS INDICATION WE RECEIVED EARLIER IN THE DAY FROM ESPEROU THAT DGAC MAY INSIST ON THIRTY DAY REQUIREMENT EVEN FOR TWA'S FILING FOR EXPANDED CAPACITY TO PARIS IN EVENT SUSPECTION OF US-UK SERVICE. TWA FILING WAS DATED MAY 26, THOUGH NICHOLS, TWA'S MANAGING DIRECTOR, HAD INFORMED ESPEROU ORALLY BY PHONE AS OF MAY 18 AND BECAUSE OF HOLIDY WEEKEND HAD BEEN ABLE TO SECURE APPOINTMENT WITH ESPEROU BEFORE MAY 26 TO EXPLAIN FILING TO HIM. WE INFORMED NICHOLS OF FOREGOING SINCE TWA HAD STILL HEARD NOTHING FURTHER RE ITS FILING. NICHOLS HAS SINCE INFORMED US HE DOES NOT PLAN TO QUERY ESPEROU AT THIS STAGE SINCE LATEST WORD HE HAS FROM HIS PEOPLE IN LONDON IS THAT THIS MAY ALL BE ACADEMIC IN VIEW OF CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS MADE TOWARD SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF US-UK NEGOTIATIONS. GAMMON

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